

SEAFORTH PAC GENERAL MEETING

October 19, 2011

Executive in Attendance: Rhylin Baillie, MaryAnn Giardini, Shannon Derksen, Jen Mezei, Hark Sandhu, Zena Kwan, Sophie Cong, Rema Sanghera, Siva Ramesh, Sandra Mankoo

Regrets: Lynne Vidler, Cheryl Tong

Others in Attendance: Wendell Hiltz (principal) (20 in attendance including executive)

Meeting started 7:10 pm

PRINCIPAL's REPORT - Wendell Hiltz

- We had a wonderful anti-bullying presentation (organized by Safe School Committee) this week – the presentation had 2 versions: k to 3 and 4 to 7. Both groups liked it. There is a website with lots of resources there including a section for parents. Plan is to include some content from the website in the next newsletter.
- Immunizations are complete
- Cross country and volleyball have started
- Individual photo orders are due on Oct. 25th
- The upcoming Pro-D day is province wide; there are lots of activities going on for teachers
- Halloween events at SFU – posted on community bulletin board in the hallway
- Tomorrow Oct. 20th is Shake Out BC – 10:20 am everyone is supposed to drop, cover and hold – procedures circulated and will be reviewed with students. Not a full drill; we will hold a full drill in the Spring.
- Big thank you to parents that volunteered to be class parents – thanks to Jen Mezei for the idea. Janet Lee – three classes still in need of parents. Div 12, 13, and 18.
- The student verification forms are all in and inputted. Waiting for IT approval and this email list will be in use soon.
- Question for Wendell: have heard that other schools in the district held a meet the teachers period during the school day; will Seaforth do the same? Answer: No this is not happening at Seaforth. There is a meeting in November that may provide an update on Job Action; the school will distribute any new information as they receive it.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Sophie Cong & Rema Sanghera

- General operating account balance is \$27,283.52
- Gaming account balance is \$14,466.83
- The 77 Sunset Beach debt to PAC has been written off
- General operating account recent transactions include – French book fair made \$482 (paid to school) and a \$75 DPAC membership
- Gaming grant received from the province – \$10,440 dollars
- Donations raised as of mid-October: \$6491 – \$13/student. Last year we raised \$15/student. We will do another donation request in November and one in January. This method is preferred versus fundraising door to door
- Treasurer's report is available by email

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Rhylin Bailie

PAC Events - Volunteer Gaps

- Need volunteers for several committees and events still
- Technical committee - chair/volunteers needed to work with Wendell regarding what IT items we should purchase for the school
- Playground committee - need chair/volunteers. The government will have some funding available for playgrounds – Burnaby district needs to put list together of schools and what they each need. Criteria to allocate funds – prioritized according to need – district hasn't relayed to us if we are on the list or not. Need a committee to have a voice. 8 million was set-aside for playground funding for whole province – 50,000 – to each school with no playgrounds – there were 44 in BC with none. There are other grants we can apply for – e.g. Rick Hanson playground grant – to make wheelchair playground nearby.
- Money is earmarked for the above activities
- We looked into investing the PAC surplus money to earn interest, but not enough to get any big return
- CPF rep – change from Cheryl Tong to Siva Ramesh, Cheryl is now a member at large
- PAC meeting minutes: motion to approve Sept. 2011 minutes: Siva Ramesh firsts, Jen Mezei seconds; motion carried. May minutes will be edited and then approved at next meeting in November.
- Creation of operating policies was discussed at the May 2011 meeting. If you're new it's hard to know how to go about organizing long standing events and even if you're experienced it's hard to remember what to do and why we do it. For example: how money is handled, popcorn profits, special interest groups, silent auction, treasurer procedures, when do volunteers get a free lunch or free tickets – these are all issues that require a policy to ensure we are using money wisely.
- We do have a PAC handbook – policies will be adjunct to the handbook.

- The Seaforth PAC website – is not updated yet...William Wong has hosted/built website – we will contact him and request updates. But for the long-term we are in need of a new volunteer to create new website.
Comment - Jimmy Wong did French immersion website – could ask him if he's interested in doing the main one...ACTION ITEM (Rhylin): contact Jimmy Wong. Comment: District has website templates – can district host it? ACTION ITEM: Wendell will ask. If the district won't then Jen knows of a program/site that we could use.
- Missing Sport's Day coordinator – need someone to take charge. Easy event to organize.
- Emergency Committee – need coordinator. Main duties: keep track of what's in container and see what's expired; co-ordinate drill.
- Traffic safety coordinator needed. Donna will help ease new person into role. Very important, some co-ordination of other parent and student volunteers involved.
- Movie Night – Oct 28th. – Different format – younger kid movie and then older kid movie to be played later. Form came out with newsletter – please fill out. Spooky buddies and twilight are the movies that will be playing.
- Parent presentation ideas – email Rhylin. Past ideas that could be used again: Boys vs. Girls learning and Money smarts. Free to Seaforth parents, 5 bucks to others in district, DPAC can pay for part of it if we apply. Other ideas brought forward: how to teach kids math/how things have changed since we were kids. Please come forward with ideas and contact info. Other idea: power of reading presenter; this may be too expensive of a presenter though.
- PAC Objective 2011/2012 – build a community – but for example, the silent auction had low attendance – how can we bring parents out? Family events are good idea (versus parent only events)...please come forward with ideas...
- Side note: there is a municipal election in Nov. – asking candidates questions via DPAC – soliciting questions from parents for their concerns to pass on. Please contact PAC if you'd like to forward a question.
Question? Grade 7 basketball for boys? Yes
- We had family photo night – thank Siva for help. We had same amount of people participate as last year – 4 days worked well. Waiting for proofs, will send out emails. 880 dollars by 20 (about 40 families Susan Belanger, Claire Su – thanks to them).
- Pro-D opportunities For parents: Oct 20 – John Medina – session for parents and teachers – Educators in Burnaby
- need coordinator for grade 7 grad
- Parent Question: Any idea how long Job Action will go on for? Answer: still no.
- Book fair - Usborne books - Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st. Coming up. A second English book fair was planned – but can't book prior to Christmas

- Usborne book fair will fill in prior to Scholastic in 2012 and tap into the gift buying season.
- Library \$1500 bucks budgeted to spend in 2011/2012
- Spending the \$6000 PAC raised money earmarked for IT purchases – this is still pending.
- Any parent concerns should be brought forward by speaking to an executive member or coming out to a meeting.

SAFE SCHOOL COMMITTEE - MaryAnn Giardini

- First event – Jim Jordan – Monday talk – really successful – two groups – 1 for primary and 1 for intermediate– very interactive, funny – how to make your school the best – kids built this idea...how to build good friendships. Good foundation learning, good to have every year. For intermediate – magic tricks as well, how do you balance your need for independence with the need to be responsible. Reinforced his discussion with a video. Couple parents phoned and had positive feedback.
- Website with parent information – looking at getting this information out there.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm